

Herman W. Nickel
US Ambassador
to the Republic of South Africa

Ambassador Nickel was a political reporter with the United States High Commission in Berlin in 1951-53 and in 1956 was an escort-interpreter with the Department of State. He was head of the Research Unit of the Foreign Policy Association in New York, N.Y., in 1956-1958. Since 1958 he has been with Time, Inc., successively serving as correspondent, Washington Bureau (1958); correspondent, London Bureau (1958-61); Africa correspondent based in Johannesburg, South Africa (1961-62); correspondent, Bonn Bureau (1962-66); Bonn bureau chief (1966-69); senior diplomatic correspondent Washington Bureau (1969-71); Tokyo bureau chief (1971-74); London bureau chief (1974-77); and, member of the board of editors of Fortune Magazine (1977-81).

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Ambassador Nickel was born [redacted] and became a naturalized United States citizen in 1958. He graduated (B.A.) in 1951 from Union College and in 1956 (J.D.) from Syracuse University College of Law. He has had numerous articles published in Time, Fortune, New York Times Magazine, and Foreign Policy.

Ambassador Nickel was married to Phyllis Fritchey (daughter of the newspaper publisher and columnist Clayton Fritchey) in 1958. They have one son.

Ambassador Nickel's nomination as the United States Ambassador to South Africa was confirmed by the Senate in March 1982.